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SUBJECT: PEACE CORPS - BANGLADESH

REF: STATE 276145

1. MS. MARY KING, DEPUTY DIRECTOR ACTION AND JACK ANDREWS, REGIONAL DIRECTOR, NANEAP, PC/W VISITED DACCA DEC. 2 TO 6 INCLUSIVE (ANDREWS TO DEC. 7). ACCOMPANIED BY CHARGE, THEY CALLED ON ADVISORS (MINISTERS) FOR HEALTH, FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND ON SECRETARY, PLANNING COMMISSION ON DEC. 3. OTHER CALLS INCLUDED SECRETARY OF HEALTH, DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND ADVISOR FOR RELIEF AND REHABILITATION.

2. HIGH POINT OF THEIR VISIT TO DACCA WAS CALL ON PRES. ZIA AT HIS RESIDENCE EVENING OF DEC. 3. BD AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON SIDDIQUI AND CHARGE WERE ALSO PRESENT. MS. KING EXPLAINED CURRENT PC PHILOSOPHY AND DISCUSSED SOME OF AREAS IN WHICH PC COULD BE HELPFUL. PRESIDENT AGREED TO ACCEPT (ORDER OF MAGNITUDE) 20 PCV'S, IT HAVING BEEN EXPLAINED THAT THIS WAS THE MINIMUM WHICH WOULD JUSTIFY AN ADEQUATE PROGRAM OF TRAINING PCV'S FOR BANGLADESH, BUT DEFERRED DECISION TO BUREAUCRACY ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SIGNING COUNTRY-TO-COUNTRY AGREEMENT (MEMCON SENT PC/W AND NEA/PAB).

3. FIELD TRIPS INCLUDED VISIT TO TONGI THANA HEALTH CENTER ON DEC. 3 AND, ACCOMPANIED BY EMBOFF, TO CHITTAGONG, KAPTAL, AND "SAVE THE CHILDREN" PROJECT AT RANGUNIA AND KULKURMAI VILLAGE ON DEC. 4. THIS VISIT WAS AT AMBASSADOR

SIDDIQUI'S PREVIOUSLY-EXTENDED INVITATION.

4. BRIEFING SEMINARS WITH EMBASSY AND AID OFFICIALS
INCLUDING DIRECTOR WERE ALSO HELD.

5. DEC. 5-7 WERE DEVOTED TO FURTHER CALLS ON BDG OFFICIALS
AND VISITS TO DEMRA RESETTLEMENT AREA AND TO NEW WOMEN'S
ACADEMY. KING AND ANDREWS ALSO HAD OPPORTUNITY AT SEVERAL
EVENING SOCIAL EVENTS TO MEET AN EXTENSIVE CROSS-SECTION OF
BD AND FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AS WELL AS FOREIGN OFFICIALS
OF PRIVATE VOLUNTARY ASSISTANCE ORGANIZATIONS WORKING IN
BANGLADESH.

6. COPIES OF DRAFT PC AGREEMENT WERE GIVEN TO PLANNING
SECRETARY (WHO IS KEY BDG FIGURE FOR "EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE")
AND MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTER AND SHOWN TO
PRESIDENT ZIA. IT IS NOW UNDER STUDY BY VARIOUS MINISTRIES.
WE HAVE NOT BEEN INFORMED OF ANY SPECIFIC OBJECTIONS, BUT
CANNOT AT THIS TIME PREDICT WHEN WE WILL GET A FORMAL RESPONSE
FROM BDG. EMBASSY BELIEVES KING/ANDREWS TIME WELL SPENT
BOTH IN EXPANDING THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF LOCAL SCENE
AND EXPLAINING PC CAPABILITIES AND OBJECTIVES TO BDG
OFFICIALS.

7. COMPLETE SCHEDULE INCLUDING ADDITIONAL NOTES ON VISIT
BEING POUCHED.
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